

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption as amended, pursuant to and consistent with the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 5, 7, 20, and 26 have been amended and claims 6, 13, 25, and 32 have been cancelled so that claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-24, 26-31, and 33-36 will remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

During a telephone conversation with the undersigned clarifying the allowable subject matter Examiner Ranade indicated that the subject matter contained in depending claims 6, 13, 25, and 32, "wherein the second plunger member comprises a seal mounted thereto," was considered allowable. Accordingly, applicants have amended independent claims 1, 7, 20, and 26 from which these claims respectively depend to include this subject matter. Claim 5 has also been amended to correct dependency.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 20, 24, 26, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,716,191 to Sergio.

This rejection is rendered moot in view of the amendments noted above which place claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-24, 26-31, and 33-36 in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the record rejection and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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